

Remarks

Election of Single Invention and Species

A restriction requirement has been imposed upon the Applicant under 35 U.S.C. 121. The Examiner has noted in the application two separate inventions as follows: Group I corresponding to claims 1-16 and 21-24; and Group II corresponding to claims 11-20. The Examiner has also noted in Group I two species: Species I corresponding to claims 1-16, and Species II corresponding to claims 21-24. Accordingly, the Applicant is required to elect a single species for prosecution at this time.

In response, the Applicant hereby elects Species I of Group I, corresponding to claims 1-16, for prosecution under 35 U.S.C. 121. This election is being made without traverse.

12 The Examiner has further identified in Species I Sub-Species I-I and Sub-Species
13 I-II. Additionally, the Examiner has further identified within Sub-Species I-I Sub-Sub-
14 Species I-I-A and Sub-Sub-Species I-I-B, and within Sub-Species I-II Sub-Sub-Species
15 I-II-A and Sub-Sub-Species I-II-B. The Applicant confesses to confusion over this micro-
16 subcategorizing of the Species, as well as to the Examiner's instructions on page 4 (first
17 paragraph) that Applicant is required to elect a single disclosed sub-species from Sub-
18 Species I-I and I-II. For purposes of attempting to comply with the action, the Applicant
19 hereby provisionally elects claim 4 corresponding to Sub-Sub-Species I-I-A, and claim
20 15 corresponding to Sub-Sub-Species I-II-B. However, the Applicant contends that the
21 election of Species I, corresponding to claims 1-16, is sufficient to comply with the rules.

The Examiner has indicated that claims 1-3, 6-13 and 16 are generic.

Claims 17 - 24 have been cancelled, without prejudice.

24 The Applicant believes that the election set forth herein above constitutes a full
25 and complete response to the Office action.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the below-signed representative if the Examiner believes this will facilitate prosecution toward allowance of the claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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Amendment "A" - Election